

# Provo Rotary Marks 50 Years

In a talk entitled, "50 Golden Years of Provo's Rotary," Dr. J. C. Moffitt will recount the highlights on the Provo Rotary Club's history before more than 100 Rotarians at the Riverside Country Club tonight.

Dr. Moffitt will be the principal speaker at the 50th anniversary dinner, which will begin at 8 p.m. after a social hour beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The Provo Club has been serving Provo for half a century, since its founding on Aug. 1919. The first president of the Provo Rotary Club was Rev. William F. Buckley. Only one of the original charter members, T. Earl Pardoe, is still a member. He was a director in the original slate of officers.

"Service" is not just a slogan for the Provo Rotary Club, but more a way of life.

## Rotary Park

One of the proudest achievements of the Provo Club is the development of Rotary Park in Provo Canyon. The park contains several acres of well-planned development. The area has a workable water system, a swinging bridge, ball park, children's playgrounds, a steel shelter, electric lights, about two dozen stoves and many service tables with seats.

The park is used annually by thousands of Utah County residents, and a Rotary sign welcomes all who wish to enjoy its facilities.

All the manual work has been done by Rotarians over the years. They have dug trenches, laid pipe, made tables and benches, and installed a protective wire fence around the ball park. United States Steel Company provided the swinging bridge and steel frame of the shelter in the park each spring.

## Many Projects

Throughout the years, the Provo Club has also adopted many other service projects. The first project, selected soon after organization, was to help the Boy Scouts and the local council. The club adopted two special assignments — National Boy's Week and a fund-raising paper salvage collection. Provo was one of the first clubs in the nation to celebrate a Boy's Week. The club helped the local

council acquire a Scout camp in the North Fork Canyon.

Provo had a growing university when the club was founded and many of the students attending needed help. A student loan fund was established by Rotary, and many young men borrowed until the need no longer existed, at which time the Provo Club donated the money left in the loan fund to Utah Valley Hospital.

During the great depression of 1930's, the club purchased textbooks for the Provo schools, particularly the high school.

## Helps Library

Over the years, the Provo Library has been aided with more than \$3,500, and many Rotarians gave books from personal libraries. For many years, the Library Board was officered by Provo Rotarians.

For the past nine years the club has sponsored a Brigham Young University Research Scholarship to encourage and aid students in some field of useful research. A report from the scholar is presented to the club at an annual program.

The club has supplied five district governors — Dr. Horace G. Merrill, Oscar Spear, J. Edwin Stein, Dr. J. C. Moffitt, and Frank J. Earl. All are living except Oscar Spear.

Provo has sponsored Rotary Clubs at Spanish Fork, American Fork, Springville and Richfield, and has assisted in some half dozen other initiations.

After the celebration tonight, Rotarians will undoubtedly be looking forward to another half century of service.

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## Camille Slams Into Gulf Coast

GULFPORT, Miss. (UPI)—Hurricane Camille shrieked across the Gulf Coast early today with 190-mile per hour winds and flood tides, laying waste to entire cities and killing at least 14 persons.

Two Mississippi towns—Bay St. Louis and Waveland—were cut off from the outside world, but were reported besieged by fires that threatened their business districts.

Countless persons were injured when Camille, the strongest hurricane ever recorded by man, slammed into a 100-mile stretch of the Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana coast. Damage was estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"We have at least 10 dead in Biloxi and we haven't even begun to check," said Mayor Danny Guice. "It's just terrible. There's millions of dollars in damage."

Fire trucks raced from New Orleans toward Bay St. Louis.

National Guardsmen were activated to guard against looting and help in rescues. Many guardsmen rode amphibious vehicles through streets inundated with water and otherwise impassable.

In the Gulf of Mexico, an unidentified Danish freighter limped toward St. Petersburg, Fla., with only two crewmen still on board battling to save the ship. Five crewmen were removed to a nearby vessel when the ship began to list at a 45 degree angle. The Coast Guard cutter Diligence ploughed through rough seas, trying to reach the stricken 192-foot cargo vessel.

### Rare Report

In one of the few reports out of Gulfport, Police Supt. Ray Decell said, "Downtown Gulfport is demolished."

Of the hardest hit towns and cities, only Biloxi reported any communications with the outside and they were tenuous at best.

Occasionally word about the plight of Gulfport leaked out via one two-way radio link, and a ham operator monitoring conversations said officials were pleading for state and

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## No. Ireland Riots Leave Eight Dead

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